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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"We have called only for a general report."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will call for a report with reference to any particular community?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"No, Sir."

Irrigation

Progress of the Tungabhadra project.

* 348 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the site of Tungabhadra reservoir has been finally settled;

(*b*) when Government expect to have the complete estimates for the project; and

(*c*) whether irrigation in Anantapur and Dharmavaram taluks of the Anantapur district will be provided for?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The final estimates cannot be prepared until an agreement has been reached with the other Governments concerned in regard to the utilization of the waters of the Tungabhadra and the site for a reservoir.

(*c*) The question has not yet been finally decided.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know why, in view of the fact that the correspondence with the other Governments, especially so with the Hyderabad State, takes a long time, the Government should not carry out the scheme as recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee, when the site has been settled and the plans also are ready?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"The reason why the Government cannot carry out the scheme at once is because that scheme also affects the lands belonging to other Governments, and without their consent this Government cannot proceed with the scheme."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the site also is under consideration? Is it not a fact that Government have already pitched upon Malappuram as the final site?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"No, Sir."

Maintenance of a high level of water at the Godavari anicut.

* 349 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimates are being prepared for works necessary to maintain at the Godavari anicut a higher level of water for irrigation than at present; and

(*b*) if so, whether any provision has been made for this in the budget for 1931–32?

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A.—(*a*) The pivots of the shutters on the anicut have been raised. The effect has been beneficial, as the shutters now do not fall until the water is at a higher level than before, but the full effect will appear only in a bad year, and the Government propose to obtain further experience of this alteration before deciding whether any further improvement is required.

(*b*) No.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have calculated the amount of water that will be discharged as a result of this improvement, and whether they have assured themselves that this improvement will give such a discharge as to obviate the present insufficient supply of water, which is the cause for the present delay in transplantation ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" As I have said in the answer, the Government await further experience of this alteration before deciding whether any further improvement is required."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not possible to calculate what the water level and the resulting discharge are likely to be in such a case ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" That is a technical question, Sir, which the hon. Member is better qualified to answer than I."

Creation of a Separate Irrigation Advisory Board for Godavari Central Delta.

* 350 *Q.*—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the annual conferences with ryots, held by the Executive Engineer, Godavari Central Delta, at four centres in Razole and Amalapur taluks of the East Godavari district during October 1930, the ryots of the two taluks requested unanimously for the creation of a separate irrigation advisory board for that delta, and that the Executive Engineer welcomed the proposal as essential and desirable ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to consider their request ?

A.—(*a*) A representation to this effect has been received from the East Godavari District Association.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Construction of a syphon over the Moratu channel.

* 351 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a syphon was sanctioned by the Collector over the Moratu channel in Vylamore village, Chidambaram taluk, in 1929 ;

(*b*) whether any reference was made by the Board of Revenue for an objection statement being taken from the ryots likely to be affected by the said construction ;